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Good Evening Senator Osten, Representative Walker and members of the Committee, my name is Carolyn Madore. I am a CNA at Uconn Health Center. I have worked in healthcare for 13 years, and I wouldn't still be here if I didn't love my job and being able to help people

Unfortunately, we aren't paid nearly enough for what we do, and we are usually doing this work at unsafe staffing levels. If hospitals did not have CNA's jobs would not be completed. Safety would be a concern. With funding for better staffing, there would be less falls, which equals better care. We would have time to attend to basic needs, but also care for patients the way they need to be cared for. We would have time to sit and talk with them, or play games with them and provide much needed company. If staff were paid better, they would be able to attract and hire more people. Because we are paid barely anything, I had to move back in with my parents. Please fund these services!

Thank you for your time.